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In re Application of: Thibaut MAURICE et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1772

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Examiner:

For: PREPARATION METHOD FOR  
PROTECTING THE BACK SURFACE OF A WAFER  
AND BACK SURFACE PROTECTED WAFER

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-12000

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed is a PTO form 1449 which lists one (1) new reference for the Examiner's review and consideration. This reference was cited in the European search report and a copy is enclosed.

This reference is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that this reference be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449. The applicants have noticed an error in the date of Reference AG on the PTO form that was previously submitted. Thus, the enclosed form PTO 1449 includes the previously submitted references and corrects the publication date for reference AG.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this statement as it is being submitted prior to an initial office action for this application. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

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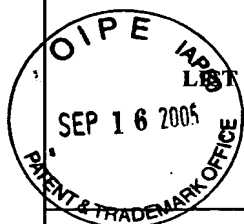
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